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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, CORNHILL, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENLY & CO., 4, Old Jerry, E.O. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA AND NEW ZEALAND.—GODFREY & GOUGH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SOUTON, QUINLAW & CAMPBELL, AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDGES & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, MAMIAO, C. BRUNSWICK & CO., Macao, L. A. DA GRADA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$6,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HORRIGAN, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. RABSON, Esq. E. R. BAILLIE, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq. Hon. W. KEEWICK, Esq. A. MCIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, . . . EWAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONG-KONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

NOTICE.

B. Y. MUJUA, Consent, the Firm of FREERKS, RODATZ & CO. has been DISSOLVED on This Day.

R. FREERKS.

G. C. F. RODATZ, Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

THE Undersigned, Establishing them selves This Day as SHIPCHANDERS and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS under the Style and Firm of RODATZ & CO. have taken over the Business of the late Firm of FREERKS, RODATZ & CO.

G. C. F. RODATZ,

C. KOCH, Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREEN, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procurator at Foochow, and Mr F. H. EWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL, & CO.

China, June 1, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. B. F. O. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procurator.

SANDER & CO.

Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

FOR SALE.

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TO CONTRACTORS, HOUSE-BUILDERS, SHIP-BUILDERS, AND CARPENTERS.

L. A. CRAWFORD & CO. have Received a Shipment of FIRST-CLASS MANILA HARDWOOD, of Different Kinds, and of the Very Best Quality, Suitable for HOUSE BUILDING, SHIP BUILDING, and for all kinds of Work requiring Timber of the most durable nature.

A Good Assortment of Logs and Flanks of TEAK WOOD of the most Superior Quality.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL Twin Screw STEAM LAUNCH, 35 Feet Long, Built by FORREST of LONDON. For further particulars apply to Captain CLARK, on Board British Barque Number.

Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction, Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tübingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

L. A. CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 3rd August, at Noon,— Cotton Socks and Stockings, Silk Umbrellas, Pocket Books, Pencils, Keroseen Lamps, Cigar Cases and Tubes, Tooth Combs, Tooth Brushes.

Also,

An Invoice of Incisive Coral Ear-rings, Brooches, Studs, &c. Champagne Cyder.

10 dozen Silver Skins.

3 cases Lime Juices.

10 cases Vulcan Safety Matches.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

NOTICE.

MRS. G. B. FALCONER, Widow and Administrator of the late G. B. FALCONER (sole and only Partner of the Firm of GEORGE FALCONER & CO., Watch Manufacturers, Jewellers, &c., &c., Hongkong), and Mr MATTHEW FALCONER, Brother of the Deceased, beg respectfully to intimate that they have agreed to CONTINUE THE BUSINESS so long carried on by the late Mr FALCONER.

In making this announcement, they have pleasure in stating that they have made such arrangements that the efficiency and high reputation formerly enjoyed by the Firm, will be maintained in its entirety in all its branches.

The Stock, as hitherto, will consist of Every Article of the Best Quality and Workmanship, and they hope to be favoured with a continuance of that patronage which was so liberally extended to the late Mr FALCONER, and, in soliciting such no efforts will be wanting to inspire that confidence on the part of their Customers which was so marked a feature in the Business as formerly conducted.

The Business will be carried on in the old Premises under the same Name and Style as hitherto, viz.,

GEORGE FALCONER & CO.

Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above Company

at HONGKONG and FOOCHEW, are prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies

by any First-Class Steamers, at current rates, Payable either here, in LONDON, in

LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of

INDIA and the EAST.

BIRLEY & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

ON and after the 28th of May, Dr. STOUT's Consulting and Operating ROOMS, will be on the Ground Floor of the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned to Hongkong, and will be ready to Receive Patients on MONDAY, June 25th.

Office, No. 7, Arbuthnot Road,

Hongkong, June 20, 1877.

PIANO TUNING, REPAIRING, &c.

ADVISERS and GENTLEMEN Desirous of

Having their PIANOS REPAIRED

by the Undersigned, will please oblige with

early orders, as he is about to Return to

SHANGHAI.

Orders may be left with Messrs LANE,

CRAWFORD & CO., or Messrs GAFFY & CO.

A. HARN.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877.

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Intimations.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL. RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the WORLD wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our package. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cans, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

W. B. RAY,
Secretary.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET PREPARATIONS, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

W. B. RAY,
Secretary.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 21st August, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolution passed at the Meeting of Shareholders held This Day.

By Order,

W. B. RAY,

Secretary.

Notices to Consignees.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Atholl* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Underwriters in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1877. sub3

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES:

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *MALWA* AND *HINDOSTAN*.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessels, from London, Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamer *DECCAN* from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 4th August will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 28, 1877. sub3

DANISH SHIP *DORIS BRODERSEN*, FROM SAIGON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 21, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. *ESMERALDA*, FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods have been landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

A. MAGG. HEATON,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Ex "Djemnah."

N. B. 100 bags Stores, ... from Madras.
K. Y. 27 pkgs. Medicine, ... from Saigon.
&c., Gy San Tai, ...
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

MATCHLESS, American ship, Capt. John C. Davies.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

LEADING WIND, American ship, Captain F. M. Hinckley.—Meyer & Co.

JALO, Russian ship, Capt. C. F. Moberg.—Order.

ENID, British bark, Captain Braithwaite.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Weller & Co.

ANTWERP, British barque, Capt. Atkins.—Melchers & Co.

MIGNON, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. L. H. Soule.—Order.

NORTHERN STAR, British barque, Captain John Wortley.—Order.

DORIS BRODERSEN, Danish ship, Captain S. Nielsen.—Order.

TWILIGHT, British barque, Capt. Dalargy.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PENSHAW, British barque, Captain John S. Airey.—Meyer & Co.

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark.—Captain.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. F. Foulke.—Order.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamer
"SPARTAN,"
Captain COOPER, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 2nd Instant, at 4 p.m., instead of the time previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. sub2

STEAM TO

SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.
"ADRIAN,"
will leave for the above places at Noon on TUESDAY, the 7th Instant.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. sub7

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"BOWEN"
will be despatched as above on or about the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Barque
"BOX ACCORD,"

W. Scott, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship
"A. S. DAVIS,"

J. W. Ford, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

FOR SALE.

C H A M P A G N E 1874,
H E I D S I E K & Co.'s
M O N O P O L E.

DEETJEN & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. sub1

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
C O R P O R A T I O N .

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

N O T I C E is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of August current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1877.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. sub16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
C O R P O R A T I O N .

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 16th day of August current (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. sub16

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
C O M P A N Y , L I M I T E D .

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

S H A R E H O L D E R S in the above Company are requested to furnish the Under-signed with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. sub1

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daughter, in the death of a Chinian named Manoel Rae, on the 14th June last—was resumed this morning.

Mr J. J. Francis, instructed by Mr H. L. Denys, defended the prisoners, and The Attorney-General, the Hon. G. Philippo, instructed by Mr Sharp, the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Mr George McBain was called. He spoke to meeting three men whom he could not recognise near Gough Street at 11.30 p.m. on the 14th June last, as he was returning to his house at No. 9 Gough Street.

Low Sai Nam, "compadre to the last witness," was next examined. He saw three men standing near the door of his master's house, and they walked on towards Aberdeen Street, but he could not identify them.

Miss Engracia Pereira was next placed in the box. She was in the verandah of her house, No. 4 Gough Street, on the night in question, and saw three men in Aberdeen Street, two tall and one short. She saw them under the gas lamp, and one of the tall men said in Spanish, "you shall not leave to-morrow." This was interpreted by the Court Interpreter, as "you shall not live to-morrow."

One of the Jurors said the word the witness used was "leave."

The Chief Justice said the interpreter had said "live."

Mr Francis said Mr Erdmann spoke Spanish.

His Lordship said he could not help that; Mr Rosario was appointed as the interpreter to this Court, and his Lordship could not interfere with his interpretation.

Mr Francis asked the Court whether Mr Rosario did not simply occupy the position of a witness.

The Chief Justice said he did not. Captain Moss who was sworn in by the Court to interpret correctly and was therefore in the position of a witness, but Mr Rosario was not; he was appointed by the Government to this Court. His Lordship would like to refer to the Supreme Court Ordinance under which he was appointed, and his Lordship had not a word to say in the matter.

The Attorney General said the interpreter had informed him just now that the word the witness did use was "leave" and not "live."

The Chief Justice said if he corrected himself, well and good; but as the question had been raised, he would refer to the Ordinance to see what it was. After reading from the Ordinance, the Chief Justice said Mr Rosario was appointed by the Governor to this Court, and if he was incompetent, the Governor was responsible for it; His Lordship had nothing to do with it; the Governor was Mr Rosario's immediate superior and not his Lordship. He continued to say that it was only recently that his attention was drawn to the point and he was induced to look into the Ordinance. There was no such officer in England.

The examination was then continued, but after proceeding for a time, there was an apparent difficulty in the witness understanding the questions, and the interpreter said the witness (who spoke in Portuguese throughout) had stated that she could not understand him, and that she wished Mr Rangel to interpret to her.

The Chief Justice said he must take Mr Rosario's interpretation.

Mr Rosario said the question had been very distinctly put, and very delicately put too, but the witness would not give the proper answer.

The examination was continued under the same interpretation, but it was proposed that she should begin her testimony again from the time she saw the three men under the gas lamp. In the course of the examination, it was elicited that she had heard some words before she heard those "you shall not leave to-morrow," but she had not told the Coroner and Magistrate so before from modesty. These words were spoken by one of the tall men in Spanish, and they were interpreted to be "a pretty girl," a remark she took to be applied to herself, and she was too modest to say so before.

The following is a short summary of this witness' evidence. On the night of the 14th June last about 11.30 o'clock, she was in the verandah of her house. She saw Mr McBain returning to his house, followed by three men, two tall and one short. After Mr McBain had gone into the house, the three men came under the gas-light at the corner of Gough Street, where they had a conversation, in the course of which the three spoke in French, Spanish and Italian, and she heard distinct words in Spanish, but not the French or Italian. The three men then turned up Aberdeen Street, one ahead and two behind. In a few moments only two men came back, walked briskly past witness' house, and went towards the iron gate at the end of Gough Street. They came back and ran down Aberdeen Street towards the Queen's Road. Shortly after this, she heard a Police whistle in Aberdeen Street when the body of the deceased was found. She could not recognise the men, but the prisoners' relative height, one short and one tall, looked like the relative height of two of the three men she saw that night.

The cross-examination did not elicit anything new.

Miss Maria Pereira was next called. She was in the verandah with her sister, the last witness, on the night in question. Her evidence did not differ much from her sister's.

Miss Dos Remedios, residing at the corner of Aberdeen Street and Hollywood Road, was next called. About 11.30 p.m. on the night of the 14th June, she was closing the window of her house when she saw three men in Aberdeen Street, two arms in arm and one by himself. One of them had something in his hand. They were talking in Spanish, and one of them said "let us take a walk down the Praya." They went away and witness closed the window. In about 4 of an hour afterwards, she heard a Police whistle, and looked out of the window, but saw nobody except a Chinese Constable coming up Aberdeen Street and turning towards the direction of the Police Station. She could not identify the men.

He Awah, the master of a chandler's shop at Yow-mee-tee, was next called. He had his family house on the upper floor of the chandler's shop at the corner of Gage and Aberdeen Streets. About 11.30 p.m. he had just returned home, when he heard the sounds of persons running down the street; he pushed open the window and saw three foreigners running. A tall man ran first, and as he was turning the corner of Gough Street, the second man, a short man, ran past witness' house. A third man was seen, but he dropped down at the corner of Gage Street and Aberdeen Street. Witness thought he was a drunken man who had fallen. In 20 minutes afterwards, he heard a Police whistle and thought something worse would take place, but he knew that the fellow man had been killed.

One of the two men had on a dark coat and the other a light coat. The height of the two men he saw running away was like that of the prisoners, but he could not recognise them as the men.

Le Afat, P. C. No. 203, was the Constable who first discovered the body lying there in the course of his round on his beat. Finding the man lying dead, which attracted a district watchman to come to his assistance. He then went to make a report at the Central Police Station, where the "chop-dollar" Inspector was on duty. The body was then removed to Hospital.

Chan Ashing, a district watchman, No. 32, was next examined. He went to the assistance of the last witness on hearing a Police whistle.

Sergeant Stanton, No. 43, deposed to taking the body to Hospital in an ambulance when the report was made at the Station. On the way to the Station, he met the 1st prisoner at the junction of Hollywood Road and East Street; he was stooping down and the ambulance struck him. He searched on and near the place where the deceased had been lying, also the drains but found nothing.

Sergeant Toomey gave evidence that he accompanied the last witness to where the deceased was lying. He searched the place and found the deceased's hat but nothing else, although he searched even the yards of the houses near by. He went to Belgrave's boarding house at about 2 to 2 a.m. on the 15th; both prisoners were in the house, the 1st in his bunk and the 2nd standing against his bunk. Witness looked at them very closely, because they were the only two boarders awake in the house. The 2nd looked fidgety and appeared disinterested to look at witness straight in the face. He next went to brothel No. 68 at 5 o'clock, and there found the accouchement, in Court, lying on a chair.

Sergeant Mahomed Budza, No. 524, deposed to being sent at 12.30 a.m. to Belgrave's boarding house, arriving there at 1 past 1 a.m. He saw the prisoners outside the house, lying down on the steps. The 1st prisoner was dressed as he now appeared but without a coat; the 2nd was dressed exactly like he was now. They said they belonged to the boarding-house and that it was too hot inside. Witness knocked at the door which was opened, and the prisoners followed them in. They appeared to be sober.

Khar Singh, Acting Sergeant No. 568, was next called. On the 14th June at 11 p.m. he was returning from duty at the Po Lok Theatre; he met two men at a quarter past 11 at the foot of Shelley Street, just by the Jewish Synagogue going westward along Hollywood Road. One was tall and one short, the first having no coat or waist-coat on, with a moustache on his face and a cigarette in his hand. He was playing with it. The short man had a black coat and a pair of white trousers. The two were singing. The prisoners looked like those two men in height; he could not swear that they were the two men he saw.

The Court was then adjourned till tomorrow, at 10 a.m.; there are yet four or five witnesses to be examined.

The Chief Justice said he must take Mr Rosario's interpretation.

Mr Rosario said the question had been very distinctly put, and very delicately put too, but the witness would not give the proper answer.

The examination was continued under the same interpretation, but it was proposed that she should begin her testimony again from the time she saw the three men under the gas lamp. In the course of the examination, it was elicited that she had heard some words before she heard those "you shall not leave to-morrow," but she had not told the Coroner and Magistrate so before from modesty. These words were spoken by one of the tall men in Spanish, and they were interpreted to be "a pretty girl," a remark she took to be applied to herself, and she was too modest to say so before.

The following is a short summary of this witness' evidence. On the night of the 14th June last about 11.30 o'clock, she was in the verandah of her house. She saw Mr McBain returning to his house, followed by three men, two tall and one short. After Mr McBain had gone into the house, the three men came under the gas-light at the corner of Gough Street, where they had a conversation, in the course of which the three spoke in French, Spanish and Italian, and she heard distinct words in Spanish, but not the French or Italian. The three men then turned up Aberdeen Street, one ahead and two behind. In a few moments only two men came back, walked briskly past witness' house, and went towards the iron gate at the end of Gough Street. They came back and ran down Aberdeen Street towards the Queen's Road. Shortly after this, she heard a Police whistle in Aberdeen Street when the body of the deceased was found. She could not recognise the men, but the prisoners' relative height, one short and one tall, looked like the relative height of two of the three men she saw that night.

The cross-examination did not elicit anything new.

Miss Maria Pereira was next called. She was in the verandah with her sister, the last witness, on the night in question.

Her evidence did not differ much from her sister's.

Miss Dos Remedios, residing at the corner of Aberdeen Street and Hollywood Road, was next called. About 11.30 p.m. on the night of the 14th June, she was closing the window of her house when she saw three men in Aberdeen Street, two arms in arm and one by himself. One of them had something in his hand. They were talking in Spanish, and one of them said "let us take a walk down the Praya." They went away and witness closed the window. In about 4 of an hour afterwards, she heard a Police whistle, and looked out of the window, but saw nobody except a Chinese Constable coming up Aberdeen Street and turning towards the direction of the Police Station. She could not identify the men.

He Awah, the master of a chandler's shop at Yow-mee-tee, was next called. He had his family house on the upper floor of the chandler's shop at the corner of Gage and Aberdeen Streets. About 11.30 p.m. he had just returned home, when he heard the sounds of persons running down the street; he pushed open the window and saw three foreigners running. A tall man ran first, and as he was turning the corner of Gough Street, the second man, a short man, ran past witness' house. A third man was seen, but he dropped down at the corner of Gage Street and Aberdeen Street. Witness thought he was a drunken man who had fallen. In 20 minutes afterwards, he heard a Police whistle and thought something worse would take place, but he knew that the fellow man had been killed.

News from Albury states that the work in the Segud Colliery is much advanced and a quantity of about 200 tons of coal has already been extracted, and soon will be sent to this place. There are several mouths already opened from which a daily output of from 15 to 20 tons is effected. An official trial will shortly be made, perhaps in the transport Marques del Duro. An incident occurred in this mine on the occasion of the earthquake of the 6th July, which was severely felt and caused much alarm throughout the whole province of Albury. It appears that about 200 men were working in the mine, when the shock was felt all at once proceeded to the mouth, naturally fearing something worse would take place, but the

shock was so intense that from the lower if unnoticed, would eventuate in some form of malignant disease; or an accident may occur to a member of a ship's company, the consequences of which may be held in check until medical assistance can be procured by the administration of some simple specific. Instances of this kind occur frequently, and may occur on any voyage, however short. The object of the provisions in the Act of 1867 is both humane and politic, and we have never regretted that they have been objected to by Owners or Masters. Of course, in a passenger ship, where there is a large community exclusive of the ship's company, the presence of a medical man, with a sufficient supply of medical stores at his command, is indispensable; but no ship going upon a foreign voyage, however good her equipments in other respects, can be considered as adequately provided, unless she carries medicines on board and intelligible instructions for using them. This law provides for in sufficiently distinct terms, and the provision is wise and proper.

The chief of the highway men, the dreadful and sanguinary Molendo Capital Bulacan, the terror of the province of Nueva Ecija, with his concubine and a rifle, were captured in the jungle and handed over to the Captain Villalobos on the 16th July. The house of one Mariano Laovin in the district of Mambusao, Capiz, was attacked by a band of armed thieves, on the night of the 26th June; the cut-throats succeeded in making away with all the jewellery in the house, together with \$800 in silver. On leaving the house they carried away the three women of that family to a hill where they first fed, and liberated them at daybreak. In the district of Dao, of the same province, on the 29th June, at midnight, another assault was made on the house of Lieut. Mavare, by a band composed of about 30 armed individuals, who carried away the Lieutenant's wife, two young boys, five other persons who happened to be staying at the house as guests, some tobacco and 25 buffaloes. Nothing has yet been heard of the persons in the hands of those highway men, and the Police is diligently endeavouring to find their whereabouts.

SUPPLY OF MEDICINES.

(From Mitchell's Maritime Register.) We have been frequently requested to state the requirements of the law as regards the supply of medicines for Merchant vessels, and the obligations in that matter cast upon Owners and Masters. There has been a popular belief that, except in the case of passenger or emigrant ships, there are no such obligations upon Masters or Owners. But this is a mistake. It is true that the law does not require a Surgeon to be carried except in the case of passenger ships; but that is not far from the truth. The fortifications are generally supposed to be of a formidable nature. But this is far from being the case. The town, as is well known, lies close on the shore of the Black Sea, and the harbour is formed by a bay on the eastern side. West of the harbour runs a low cliff immediately in front of the town. The cliff is protected by seven or eight earthwork batteries, some revetted with masonry, and mounting in all 65 or 70 guns varying from 10 to 25 tons. The batteries are by no means in a perfect condition. In many cases they are very incomplete, and although several hundred men are employed upon them, some time must elapse before they are in a wholly satisfactory state. These are all the land defences of Odessa—sufficient to give the name and to entitle the consequences of being a fortified town; insufficient to protect it. Nor are the batteries able to put any reliance on naval operation. The strength of the Russian navy at Odessa is small indeed—one Popoff, one Thorneycroft, and two gunboats. The Popoff has two 40-ton guns. I saw her the other day at practice. In movement she seemed handy enough, and to attain a speed of about twelve knots. Cleared for action she represents a very small mark for the enemy's fire. But so low does she appear in the water that the intention attributed to Hobart Pasha of running over her seemed to be grounded on rational possibility. The practice was at a target a mile distant. The starboard gun made excellent shooting. Shot after shot hit or went close to the lower edge of the mark. Not so with the port gun. In vain was the laying altered. Every shot fell short, and two, at least, dropped into the water before they had accomplished half the distance. The gun seemed thoroughly defective. How the Popoff will behave in a sea it is impossible to say. Hitherto she has been tried only on the calmest days. So much for the land defences and naval strength. But they are supplemented by powerful agents—torpedoes. They have been placed from the extremity of the jetty all along the coast, and about two miles out to sea. Above the cliffs are three points, respectively designated as Great, Middle, and Little Fountain. Opposite Middle Fountain is a guard-ship. Every vessel on approaching this point is now boarded by a Russian crew, its own being sent below and not suffered even to look out of the port-holes. But there are eyes on land, and the course is by no means intricate. Indeed, I have good reason to suppose that far fewer torpedoes have been laid down than the Russians would have the world, and especially the Turks, believe. Torpedoes are such terrible engines of destruction that their effect upon the imagination of the holden sailor is far from inconsiderable. Moreover, if report states a certain locality to be protected by torpedoes, it behoves a fleet to advance with a caution and circumspection which is itself a matter of great advantage to the defence.

On the whole, then, it is difficult to see how Odessa presents any very serious obstacle to attack, and the Russians are far from ignorant of its weakness. A hostile fleet might, by keeping well out to sea, steer clear of the torpedoes, and then, by hugging the shore of the long promontory opposite and 10 miles distant from the town, which is not defended by a single gun, nor, as yet, by any torpedo, creep up out of range of the cliff batteries, and then from an incomparable position the destruction of the town would be the work of only a few hours. The solitary Popoff would be the only obstacle. As I said before, the Turks may allow international considerations to weigh with them against the bombardment. I will say nothing to turn them in any way from the humanity with which they seem disposed to soften their military operations. But this is clear—that an attack upon Odessa would have a very considerable moral and probably also a very material influence on the invading army.

The Russian naval force in the Black Sea has been for some time a mystery.

Now the mystery appears to conceal nothing. This is often the case. A Popoff at Odessa; another at Nicolskoff; and some 15 gunboats make up the squadron. Of the Turkish fleet the Russians are undeniably afraid, albeit their vessels, such as they are, have a great superiority in the naval qualities of the officers and men.

But they hesitate to try superior tactics against superior armour. A navy cannot be created in five or six years, and it is not certain that the Government has done all that it might since 1871. The naval weakness of the Russians is for them a very serious matter. Some have even said that ultimate victory must lie with the Power which commands the Black Sea. The destruction is not wholly apparent. So long, however, as the Crescent is seen in the Black Sea, the coast road from Burgas southwards is rendered impracticable. The great hope of the Russians is in that their Mediterranean fleet, aided by the squadrons which have been wintering in American ports possibly also by the Baltic vessels, will effect a diversion in the Persian Gulf.

manding Hobart Pasha's personal direction. Then the Nicolskoff gunboats may make an effort against such portion of the Turkish fleet as presents itself. Such an encounter will as likely as not result in a Russian triumph. But the occasion for it will not arise if Hobart's hands are in no way fettered by the Sublime Porte. *Daily Telegraph.*

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